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SAN MARCOS LIBRARY CELEBRATES KWANZAA *December Programming Focuses on Winter Holiday*

The San Marcos Branch of the San Diego County Library, #2 Civic Center Drive, invites community members to learn about African and African-American culture and the African-American observance of Kwanzaa through holiday-themed programs during the weeks leading up to the celebration.

Kwanzaa, an African-American celebration of family, community and culture, takes place from December 26-January 1 each year, and is derived from traditional African "first fruits" celebrations. Kwanzaa artifacts and books will be displayed throughout December. For more information, contact the library at (760) 891-3000.

Thursday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.

Guinée Faré will present *West African Music and Dance*. Families are encouraged to "Sing and Play the African Way," as they learn about some of the many instruments used in Western Africa and the important role music and dance plays in village life. Children will be shown how musical instruments are hand made from resources that are found rather than bought; there will also be a demonstration of how to make colorful musical shakers from a toilet paper rolls. Audience will be encouraged to sing, play and dance as the children in West Africa do everyday.

Wednesday, December 15, 4:00 p.m. *Children's Craft—Kwanzaa Gifts*. Children in grades 2-5 are invited to learn about the importance of hand-made gifts during the celebration of Kwanzaa. Together, each will craft a picture frame to give as a gift to a friend or loved one. *Program limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.*

Thursday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Teen Craft – Kwanzaa Gifts. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a craft session in which they will create beaded friendship necklaces to give as gifts this holiday season. *This program is limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.*

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